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Sonoma's Stellar 2016s
featuring Drew Family Wines
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2016 Syrah Perli Vineyard

The 2016 Syrah Perli Vineyard is simply gorgeous. Rich, powerful and unctuous, with striking fruit density, the 2016 packs a serious punch. Blackberry jam, game, licorice, cloves and new leather infuse this sumptuous yet structured, savory, cool-climate Syrah. The 40% whole clusters add dimension but are also impeccably balanced. What a pretty and distinctive wine this is. **(94 points)**

2016 Syrah Valenti Ranch

Black pepper, sage, menthol, licorice and dark red cherry infuse the 2016 Syrah Valenti Ranch. Powerful and a touch linear, the Valenti Ranch is a super-expressive, cool-climate Syrah full of personality. Hints of sage, rose petal and sweet red cherry add nuance as the 2016 reveals itself over time. A dollop (25%) of whole clusters add further shades of complexity. **(92 points)**

2016 Pinot Noir "Estate Field Selection"

The 2016 Pinot Noir Estate Field Selection is super-expressive. A dark, pliant wine, the 2016 is beautifully layered in the glass, with striking inner perfume to play off its distinctly unctuous personality. A rush of dark cherry, plum, chocolate, leather and spice build into the succulent finish. **(90-93 points)**

2016 Syrah "The Ornbaun"

Drew's 2016 Syrah The Ornbaun, a blend of fruit from Perli and Valenti, speaks with an authoritative voice. Intense dark fruit, leather, menthol and spice are pushed forward. Powerful and quite resonant, the 2016 is a bit burly, but it is certainly not lacking in personality. **(91 points)**

2016 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard

The 2016 Pinot Noir Wendling Vineyard is one of the more complete wines in this range. Pliant, silky and persistent, the 2016 offers good density and definition, with the sensual allure and raciness that is typical of the best wines from this Anderson Valley vineyard. Hints of dark cherry, plum, spice and new leather add shades of complexity. **(90 points)**